



## News from the City of Greenville

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*Digital photos of participants and project available upon request.*

### **Cemetery Master Plans Win State Award**

The Springwood and Richland Cemeteries Master Plan received the 2004 South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (SCAPA) Outstanding Planning Project Award in the Large Jurisdiction category, given to one project in South Carolina every two years. The award was presented at the joint SCAPA and Urban Forestry Fall Conference in Hilton Head. The service-learning project was designed by third year landscape architecture students in the spring of 2003 in the Planning and Landscape Architecture Department at Clemson University and directed by Dr. Umit Yilmaz, associate professor. The fourteen students who participated in the project were Cameron Barradale, Jonathan Blake Coleman, Lenolon Edge, Vanessa Ciaccio, Morgen Neagle, David Cosslett, Jamie Davis, Katharine Graves, John Whitten, Jason Hallman, William McCollum, Nicholas Tedesco, Evan Wilson, and Patrick Woodruff.

According to Dr. Yilmaz, the collaborative project was a good fit for the City and Clemson University. He said, "The project balanced the specific goals of the historic Springwood and Richland Cemeteries master plans with the pedagogical goals of a third year landscape architecture design studio, as well as the public service and research goals." He added that the project provided a common ground for major stakeholder groups, the Friends of Richland Cemetery, the Friends of Springwood Cemetery, and the City of Greenville in preserving the historic cemeteries while accommodating the need for growth. The Friends of both cemeteries provided input into the project throughout the design phase at studio visits and meetings. Students who were involved in the project learned from a significant real-world experience through research, interviews with key individuals, and design development.

The project, which has been adopted by the Greenville City Council, is also being published by Umit Yilmaz and Prof. Dan Nadenicek, the chair of the Planning and Landscape Architecture Department at Clemson University, in the forthcoming American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) publication on the nationally significant service-learning projects "Service Learning in Architecture and Planning."

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